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SOURCE: Official British Service from a source described as "a Jordanian official in touch with Shaykh Sharqita."

1. Shaykh Muhammad Amin Sharqiti, former Jordanian Minister of Education, met the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin Husayni, while they were both on a pilgrimage to Mecca (late May). Hajj Amin approached Shaykh Sharqiti and sought out his views on the possibility of the former's return to Jerusalem on the grounds that only Jordan of the Arab States now enjoyed freedom and stability.
2. Shaykh Sharqiti told Hajj Amin that he did not consider the present a suitable moment for his return to Jordan, as he suggested that it would be advisable for Hajj Amin to write to the King and seek his views.
3. When he had returned to Amman, Shaykh Sharqiti saw the King and told him of his conversation with Hajj Amin and his suggestion that this was not a suitable time for Hajj Amin to return to Jordan.

Source Comment: During his interview with the King, Sheng-tai also said that it was his opinion that free elections would be better and that the Government should prepare a list of acceptable candidates in order to secure that undesirable elements were not elected to the "Mandate".

Source Comment: Prior to his departure for Nizhn. Shchvrt. Sheng-ti said that he had received information that Maj. Amla's supporters in Nizhn. were actively seeking support for Maj. Amla by putting up as many candidates as possible for the Parliamentary elections which were expected to take place shortly.

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